

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-15, and 17 are pending in the present application. No additional claims fee is believed to be due.

Claims 1-10, 12, and 14-17 are cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 11 is amended to recite the mask of Claim 1 along with the elements of Claims 2-3, 5-7, 12, and 17. Claim 11 is amended to delete "treating" and insert "conditioning". Support for this amendment may be found on page 15, lines 19-21. Claim 11 is amended to recite the weight percentage of the water-soluble humectant. Support for this amendment may be found on page 11, lines 17-18. Claim 11 is amended to recite the weight percentage of the chronic whitening agent. Support for this amendment may be found on page 12, lines 5-6.

These changes do not involve any introduction of new matter. Consequently, entry of these changes is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Interview Summary

A telephonic interview was conducted between Examiner Venkat and Applicant's representative on December 11, 2008. Examiner Venkat indicated that the application would be in condition for allowance if the above-mentioned amendments were made. Examiner Venkat requested a statement of common ownership between the present application and U.S. Patent Publication No. US2002/0155772, which is provided below.

Statement of Common Ownership

The present application and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US2002/0155772 were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, owned by or subject to an obligation of assignment to The Procter & Gamble Company.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments, reconsideration of this application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

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